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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 259/012  
First Named Inventor: Daniel M. LaFontaine, et al  
Prior Application Information:  
Serial No. 09/248,171  
Examiner: B. Yarnell  
Art Unit: 3739

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Washington, D. C. 20231

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FILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing for a

☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/248,171 filed on February 9, 1999, by

Daniel M. LaFontaine, Jenifer Kennedy, entitled:

Electrophysiology Energy Treatment Devices and Methods of Use

For CONTINUATION or DIVISION APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, referenced above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

I. APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED

37 Page(s) of Written Description  
14 Page(s) of Claims  
1 Page(s) of Abstract  
3 Sheet(s) of Drawings ☒ formal ☐ informal  
1 Page(s) of ☒ Declaration or ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Copy from prior application [37 CFR § 1.63(d)]  
☐ Newly executed  
Other:

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- ☐ Assignment papers (cover sheet and documents(s))
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449.
- ☐ A Verified Statement to establish small entity under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27: ☐ Is attached. ☐ Has been filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired. [37 CFR § 1.28(a)]

## II. FEE CALCULATION

<b>BASIC FILING FEE:</b>						\$710.00
Total Claims	1	-	20	=	0	x \$18.00 \$0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x \$80.00 \$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	\$270	(if applicable)				<input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>						\$710.00
Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28. If applicable, Verified Statement must be attached.						<input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00
Misc. Filing Fees (Recordation of Assignment)						\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE HERewith</b>						\$710.00

## III. PRIORITY - 35 USC § 119

- ☐ Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in Country is claimed under 35 USC § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

## IV. AMENDMENTS

- ☐ Cancel in this application original Claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes if no new claims are added in a preliminary amendment.)
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by Amendment must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

V. RELATE BACK - 35 USC § 120

- ☐ Relate back information included in preliminary amendment or specification.
- ☒ Please amend the specification as follows:

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Please insert on page 1 -- This is a Continuation of co-pending Application Serial No. 09/248,171, filed on February 9, 1999, which is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 08/746,662, filed on November 14, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,902,328, which is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 08/212,297, filed on March 11, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,584,872, which is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 07/976,406, now abandoned. --

- ☒ With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are) [37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)]:
- ☒ the same.
- ☐ less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted [see 37 CFR §§ 1.33(b) AND 1.63(d)(2)]:
- [Name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted]

VI. FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

- ☐ Not attached. No filing fee is submitted. [This and the surcharge required by 37 CFR § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.]
- ☐ Attached.
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing fees.                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>\$710.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recording assignment. [\$40.00 37 CFR § 1.21(h)(1)]                                                                                                                                     | —               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached. [\$130.00; 37 CFR §§ 1.47 and 1.17(h)] | —               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition fee to Suspend Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently.) [\$130.00; 37 CFR §§ 1.103 and 1.17(i)]                           | —               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language. [\$130.00; 37 CFR §§ 1.52(d) and 1.17(k)]                                                                 | —               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processing and retention fee. [\$130.00; 37 CFR §§ 1.53(f) and 1.21(l)]                                                                                                                 | —               |

Total Fees Enclosed \$710.00

VII. METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FEES

- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ Charge Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. **12-2475** in the amount of \$710.00.

### VIII. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. **12-2475** for any over payment of fees and to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. **12-2475**:

- ☒ 37 CFR § 1.16 (Filing fees and excess claims fees)  
☒ 37 CFR § 1.17 (Application processing fees)  
☐ 37 CFR § 1.18 (Issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.311(b))  
☐ 37 CFR § 1.21 (Assignment recordation fees)

### IX. POWER OF ATTORNEY & CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

- ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.  
☐ The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ A new power has been executed and is attached.

Please send all correspondence to Customer Number 22249:



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Suite 4700  
633 W. Fifth Street  
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Please direct all inquiries to **William A. English**, at (949) 567-2300.

### X. MAINTENANCE OF CO-PENDENCY OF PRIOR APPLICATION

- ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending **prior** application until \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the **prior** application is attached.  
☐ A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending **prior** application. A copy of the conditional petition for extension of time in the **prior** application is attached.

**XI. ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION**

- ☐ Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application co-pending with said prior application. At the same time, please add the words "now abandoned" to the amendment of the specification set forth in Item V above.

Respectfully submitted,

LYON & LYON LLP

Dated: November 14, 2000

By: 

William A. English  
Reg. No. 42,515

Enclosures

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Attention: Official Draftsperson  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced application are the formal drawings  
(three (3) sheets).

Respectfully submitted,

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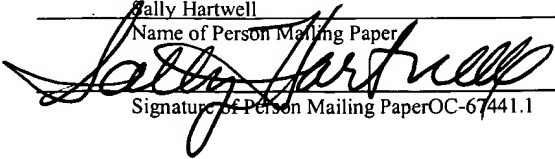
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